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Administrator's Corner

Aloha,

The ending of 2012 and beginning of 2013 had Kohala Hospital going through major initiatives that will enhance the quality of care for our residents and staff. Some of the projects included: preparing and implementing electronic medical records (EMR) effective February 1, 2013; becoming a smoke-free campus effective January 1, 2013; continuing with construction projects (residents bathrooms, wainscoting, and ER renovation and relocation); and passing the annual State Medicare inspection for Critical Access Hospitals and Nursing Home inspection. A big mahalo to the residents, staff, and families for supporting the changes that we need to accomplish in order to make Kohala Hospital a better place to provide high quality services to the community we serve.

Mahalo,
Gino Amar
Hospital Administrator

KOHALA RENOVATIONS

Kohala Hospital renovations continue to roll. We would like to thank everyone especially our residents and their families, for graciously working with us to accommodate the renovations.

Since the last update, we've completed renovating room 11 as well as the public restroom across from the nurses' station. We are about two weeks away from completing room 35. New patient closets have been installed in all of the rooms. And, we're happy too announce that hardware wiring and Wi-Fi installation are done. (More information can be found in the "Nursing Corner" section.)

And we continue! We've received the necessary building permits to go forward with our Emergency Department renovation/relocation project and plan on demolition on July 1, 2013.

Thank you to our building maintenance team, our staff, Foundation and Auxiliary.



Patient room renovation



New patient closet

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that Kohala Hospital can provide assistance to those residents who would like to become registered voters or cast absentee ballots. Assistance is also available through volunteers with AARP to help residents who would like to file a personal income tax return. You may contact Sadie Young or Diana Moriarty at (808) 889-6211 for further information.

Nurses Notes

By Janet Schmidt



Along with retrofitting the hospital for wireless internet for our new electronic medical records, comes an additional benefit. We are excited to have public WIFI available throughout the building. Residents, in and out patients and their visitors can take advantage of this technology by using their own devices to log onto the Internet.

Imagine the possibility that residents could see distant family members via software like Skype or Face time rather than just speaking to them on the telephone.

To log onto the system simply let your device find the network ISE-Out.Patient, choose it and accept the conditions of use and you are on your way. Enjoy!

On your next visit to Kohala Hospital, feel free to stop in to see me or call me at 808-889-7906.



Electronic Medical Records (EMR)

On February 1, 2013, Kohala Hospital transitioned to electronic medical records (EMR). EMR will give our clinicians new tools to improve the delivery of patient care. The results will be improved quality of care and patient safety.

From the resident's perspective it will improve patient safety by reducing errors and automatically check for allergies and adverse drug interactions.

From Kohala Hospital staff perspective, EMR will provide an integrated clinical, pharmacy, and financial system. It will also provide decision support founded on evidence-based best practices.

From the community's perspective it will enhance the continuity of care across all HHSC facilities through seamless exchange of information. Further, it will reduce costs, and improve the economic health of our community.

We appreciate your understanding during this very big transition from paper records to EMR.



Janet Schmidt, RN displays a Workstation on Wheels



Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation

The Kohala Hospital Foundation continues to support Kohala Hospital with financial assistance toward equipment and upgrade/renovation of its plant. The Annual Golf Tournament held February 9th helped raise over \$35,000. The Beer, Boots, Brats, and Barbecue social event is set for June 22, 2013 and promises to be even better than last year.



You can purchase tickets or gather more information online at www.kohalahospitalcharity.com. For more information on the Foundation or to donate, please call the Kohala Hospital Foundation President Tommy Tinker at 808-889-5584.